

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1388

To make election day a Federal holiday.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 3, 2001

Ms. LANDRIEU introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that—

5 (1) democracy is an invaluable birthright of
6 American citizens and each generation must sustain
7 and improve the democratic process for its succes-
8 sors;

9 (2) the Federal Government must actively cre-
10 ate and enforce laws that protect the voting rights
11 of all Americans, and further create an equal oppor-

1 tunity for all Americans to participate in the voting
2 process;

3 (3) the Federal Government should encourage
4 the value of the right to vote;

5 (4) 22.6 percent of Americans who do not vote
6 in elections give the reasoning that they are too busy
7 and have a conflicting work or school schedule;

8 (5) the creation of a legal public holiday on
9 election day will increase the availability of poll
10 workers and suitable polling places; and

11 (6) the creation of a legal public holiday on
12 election day might make voting easier for some
13 workers and increase voter participation by the
14 American public.

15 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTION DAY IN FEDERAL**
16 **ELECTION YEARS AS A LEGAL PUBLIC HOLI-**
17 **DAY.**

18 Section 6103(a) of title 5, United States Code, is
19 amended by inserting immediately below the item relating
20 to Veterans Day the following:

21 “Election Day, the Tuesday next after the first Mon-
22 day in November in each even-numbered year.”.

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